

## DURRANT HUNG.

The Drop Fell at 10:35 O'Clock—California Time.

Judge Shiras and Other Judges Refuse the Writ

THAT WAS TO SAVE HIM

Durrant Bravely Talks Previous to Execution.

History of the Crime For Which He Was Hung.

San Quentin, Cal., Jan. 7.—Theodore Durrant was hanged at 10:35 this morning.

With today's dawning it was plain that the end had come at last for Theodore Durrant—the shameful end of the murderer. Yesterday his attorneys went as far as lawyers dare in the federal courts of the city and found no relief. Between their client and the gallows they could interpose no more substantial barriers than certified copies of futile proceedings and an empty warning to the warden of San Quentin

about his appearance as though he were a prisoner. The first party to remark that he had had a visit from the barber, to which he replied: "Yes, and he left his trade mark on me," indicating a small cut on his lip. He consoled himself by saying that "it would be all right in a few days." This vanity was shown again when I asked him about his general health since he had been placed in the condemned cell. "The meat has been so good since I have been here," said he, and I have enjoyed it so much that I have probably eaten more than I should, and it has brought out this little rash about my mouth." Like the barber's slip, that too, he said, would be all right in a few days.

"Will Durrant die a Roman Catholic?" was the latest speculation of the small army grouped about the prison walls, waiting for the tragic end which they eagerly expected to witness. "I am, I may say, a Catholic. I think I shall send for Father Pagan," remarked Durrant unconcernedly. "It is not that I care for creeds, but for faith—the faith that has sustained me in my awful position."

"My only sorrow is for those I leave behind. God has me in his keeping, and he makes no mistakes."

SPOT OF OPTIMISM.

The morning of Theodore Durrant's

Catholic service performed. Durrant would be the most lively interest in the service. He then conversed with his parents for a few minutes and shortly after 10 o'clock he turned farewell to the last time and prepared for his march to the scaffold.

TO THE GALLOWS.

At 10:30 o'clock the front door that guards the threshold of the gallows room, swung open, and the little party conducting Theodore Durrant to the gallows, entered. Father Lagan led, draped in cassock and surplice, and chanting the prayers for the dying.

Durrant, his father, a friend, Warden Hale and the guards followed. The application was made to the justice by Mr. Boardman at the former's residence before he went to the court room today, and was in the same form as made yesterday to Justices Brewer and Harlan. Justice Shiras did not go to the court, but he did not enter the application.

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The justices were in consultation just 35 minutes.

DURRANT'S LAST HOURS.

His Parents Hoping Against Hope to Hear From Washington.

San Quentin, Cal., Jan. 7.—With eyes riveted on Washington, figuratively speaking, the father and mother of Theodore Durrant spent the night in a little inn outside of the prison walls, while the son made a desperate effort to so calm his nerves that he might sleep in sleep the most of his remaining hours.

Hoping against hope, demanding miracles from the slight difference in time between the first of April, or soon after that date. They will go from here to Seattle, Wn., and will do their utmost to get back to California in time to see their son in the gold fields. Mr. Frey has as yet no definite idea of what he will do after reaching the gold fields. He expects to remain there for at least two years, and is determined to bring back a fortune, but does not know whether this will be acquired mining for gold or in some commercial business in the gold field territory. If a good opportunity is found on arriving there, the two men will probably engage in some commercial business.

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Durrant Was Tried For But One of the Two Church Murders.

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would be communicated to the clerk of the court, who issues the formal writ. Up to 10:30 o'clock the court officers had received no notice that any action had been taken, and the strong impression prevailed that no step would be taken until the court assembled at noon.

SHIRAS REFUSES THE WRIT.

Washington, Jan. 7.—Justice Shiras of the United States supreme court today refused the application of Attorney Boardman for writs staying the execution of Theodore Durrant, under sentence to be hanged in California today.

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## AID FOR CUBA.

President McKinley's Relief Committee Issues Its Appeal.

Says 200,000 Cubans Are in Danger of Death.

LIKELY TO STARVE.

Distribution to Be Made Through Consul Gen. Lee.

Appeal Signed by President N. Y. Chamber of Commerce.

New York, Jan. 7.—The central Cuban relief committee appointed by President McKinley, and acting under the directions of the secretary of state, has issued an appeal for contributions in aid of the suffering people of Cuba, of whom there are estimated to be 200,000 in actual danger of death from starvation.

All money and material contributed will be immediately forwarded to United States Consul General Lee in Havana, under whose supervision the distribution will be made and reach all parts of the island. Checks and drafts for Cuban relief should be made payable and addressed to "Treasury Central Cuban Relief Committee, Temple Court, New York City."

The appeal is signed by Stephen E. Barton, chairman of the American National Red Cross; Charles A. Schieren, treasurer of the Chamber of Commerce, New York, and Louis Kloppech of the Christian Herald.

## GOING TO THE KLONDIKE

Young John Frey, Son of Santa Fe General Manager, Will Go.

Mr. John C. Frey, son of General Manager J. J. Frey of the Santa Fe, will leave Topeka the middle of next month for Klondike. He will be accompanied by Mr. W. H. Harrah, a conductor on the M. & T. railway running out of Sedalia, Mo.

The two men expect to reach Klondike about the first of April, or soon after that date. They will go from here to Seattle, Wn., and will do their utmost to get back to California in time to see their son in the gold fields.

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## JUDGE GUTHRIE HEARS IT.

The News Carried to Him and His Plans Outlined.

Judge Guthrie was just leaving his home for his office when informed of his appointment by a newspaper man. He did not appear surprised. "It has gone in has it?" said he. "Well I am glad of that. As far as I am concerned, I never had the least doubt of my ultimate appointment and I have been expecting it every day this week. The appointment would have been sent to the senate long ago if it had not been for the sickness and death of the president's mother. It has been on his desk ever since congress has been in session."

The newly appointed postmaster turned and walked slowly back into the house as if the news of his appointment had thrown him into a reverie. He had hardly seated himself when his pretty little granddaughter, Virgil McGrath came suddenly into the room, having just arrived from school.

"Go and tell your grandmother that I have been appointed," said Judge Guthrie.

She opened her eyes wide and exclaimed: "What, already? My; but isn't that nice. Let me congratulate you," and she held of her grandmother's hand and gave it a vigorous shake, then ran to spread the news to the other members of the household.

"Will there be any sweeping changes in the postoffice," was asked. "No, there will be no changes except for the good of the service. It will be my sole aim to give the best possible service to the patrons of the postoffice and no Democrat, Republican or any other else can stay if he is inefficient. The efficiency of the force will be my only aim. As far as the

## JNO. CUTHRE, P.M.

The President Sent the Nomination of Judge Guthrie

To the Senate Today, for Postmaster at Topeka.

NAME FRANK ROBERTS

Editor of Oskaloosa Independent Gets Home Postoffice.

Adrian Reynolds is Appointed Postmaster at Sedan.

Washington, Jan. 7.—The president today sent these nominations to the senate:

Treasury—Henry K. Boyer of Pennsylvania to be superintendent of the mint of the United States treasury at Philadelphia; Robt. G. Pearce, surveyor of customs for the port of Rock Island, Ill.; Charles Wright, collector of internal revenue for the first district of Michigan; James H. Stone, the bar palmer of merchandise in the district of Detroit, Mich.

State—Kavanaugh K. Kennedy of Mississippi to be consul of the United States at Para, Brazil; Wm. H. H.

Young, Rock, Pa.

Kansas—John Guthrie, Topeka; John

China, Wm. E. Franks, Topeka; Jackson, Frank Harlow, Kingman; Russell W. Branson, Cherokee; Horace K. Bechtel, Augusta; Adrian Reynolds, Sedan; Frank H. Roberts, Oklahoma.

NEW YORK'S NEW CHIEF.

The Police Commissioners Name McCullagh.

New York, Jan. 7.—The police commissioners have appointed Acting Chief McCullagh as chief of police of this city.

NO END IN SIGHT.

Attempt to Limit Civil Service Debate Fails.

Washington, Jan. 7.—Before the debate on the civil service question was resumed in the house today an ineffectual attempt was made to agree upon a time for the termination of the debate. Mr. Gillette (Rep., Mass.) then took the floor in support of the law.

THE SENATE.

Senator Cockrell Says the President Has Ample Power to Change Civil Service Rules.

Washington, Jan. 7.—At the opening of the senate today the report of the attorney general on the senate resolution calling upon the members of the cabinet to inform the senate what, if any, changes should be made in the administration of the civil service law was read.

The attorney general recommended that attorneys employed by the department of justice and deputy United States marshals ought to be excepted from the operation of the law.

Mr. Cockrell (Mo.) said that these recommendations ought to be made to the president of the United States, as he had full power to act regarding them.

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